No. 50 for females. The growth rates of population for rural and urban sectors are given in columns 6 and 7 of Annexure No. 48 for persons, columns 6 and 7 of Statement-II for males and columns 6 and 7 of Annexure No. 50 for females. (*See* Appendix CLXII, Appendix No. 48, 49, 50 and 51)

Demonstration by Scribes

2129. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at least 10 scribes were hurt in the firing and teargas shelling by police on demonstrating journalists near Parliament House on December 24, 1991;

(b) if so, what were the main demands of the journalists; and

(c) what has been Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) The Delhi Police has reported that no journalist was injured.

(b) The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has informed that the Journalists' main demands as reflected in Press reports were as under:—

(i) Setting up of a Parliamentary Committee to look into all the labour laws concerning Newspaper industry.

(ii) Maintenance of the independent character of the Navbhara Times.

(iii) Abolition of the contract system in newspapers and other publications and the regularisation of the services of those working on contract.

(iv) Steps to end the 'onslaught' of managements on the freedom of the Press.

(c) The Ministry of Information & Brqadcasting have reported that they have not received any representation from the agiting Journalist Assocation.

Arrest of British Nationals in Nagaland

2130. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI N.E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS to be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that two British nationals were arrested under the National Security Act in Nagaland recently;

(b) whether it is also a fact that they were carrying unlicensed arms and did not have permit to go to certain areas in Nagaland;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether any investigation has been made with regard to their activities in Nagaland?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) While apprehending them, some Chinese made LMG and Rifles along with ammunitions and other articles were recovered. They did not have the permit to enter Nagaland.

(d) A case No. 3(1) 92 was registered under Meluri Police Station and the investigation was handed over to Central Bureau of Investigation.

Militant activities in the country

2131. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the militant activities have increased recently all over the country in general and Delhi in particular;

(b) if so, what action Government have taken to curb these activities;

(c) whether it is a fact that recently a DTC bus was damaged on the Mall Road-Timarpur crossing due to blast, killing one passenger and injuring many others; and

(d) if so, the action Government have taken to apprehend the culprits and also the steps, taken so far to compensate the victim's relations?